

### **Abstract**

A portal for use in a spinal implantation procedure is disclosed herein. The portal includes base and first and second paddles pivotally coupled to the base. The paddles can be pivoted between a distraction orientation and an insertion orientation. In the insertion orientation, the paddles are adapted for insertion between vertebrae that are in need of distraction. In the distraction orientation, the paddles are adapted to hold the vertebrae spaced apart at a distracted spacing. In the distraction orientation, the portal defines a portal window for accessing the disc space between the two distracted vertebrae.